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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £6,000,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate

of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily

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For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

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chief Commercial places in Europe, India,

Australia, America, China and Japan.

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Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,

AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.

RESERVE FUND, £110,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

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KONG grants Drafts on London and

the chief Commercial places in Europe, India,

Australia, America, China and Japan.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest

allowed on Current Accounts and on De-

posits for fixed periods on terms which may

be ascertained on application.

Notices of Firms.

WE have authorized Mr. EDWARD

GEORGE to sign our Firm by

Procurator.

NORTON & CO.

Hongkong, October 22, 1877.

NOTICE.

WE hereby give notice that our late

assistant ASHBOURNE generally known

as "SMALL" is no longer in our employ.

Patrons will please note.

HIB NAM.

BRASIER, &c., Endicott Lane,

Hongkong, October 26, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.

F. RAFF in our Firm ceased from

This Day.

R. BLACKHEAD & CO.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

M. R. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY

was admitted a PARTNER in our

Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr. EDWARD SHEPPARD

and Mr. W. G. GRIEVE, are autho-

ritized to sign the name of our Firm for

Procuration at Foochow, and Mr. W. F.

EWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & CO.

China, June 1, 1877.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & CO.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND
JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.
46, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & CO.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany are requested to furnish the
Undersigned with a List of their Contribu-
tions for the year ending 31st December
last, in order that the proportion of the
Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors
may be arranged. Returns not rendered
prior to the 31st October next will be ad-
justed by the Company, and no claims or
alterations will be subsequently admitted.

J. B. COUGHTRE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany are requested to furnish the
Undersigned with a List of their Contribu-
tions for the year ending 31st December
last, in order that the distribution of Twenty per
cent (20%) of the Net Profits reserved for
Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered
prior to the 31st October next, will be ad-
justed by the Company, and no claims or
alterations will be subsequently admitted.

By Order,

RUSSELL & CO.,
Liquidators.

Hongkong, October 2, 1877.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of
the HONGKONG HOTEL, the pre-
sent Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st
August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to
be sent in on or before the 31st March,
1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG
HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply
any information required.

By Order of the Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

IN THE GOODS OF JAMES SMITH FERRIES, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Cre-
ditors and other Persons, having any
CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against
the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES,
late Master of the S. S. "ZEALANDIA,"
who died at Sea on Board the said Vessel,
on the 6th day of February 1877, and
whose Will was duly proved, and Letters
of Administration, with the Will annexed,
of whose personal Estate were duly granted
to JOHN FAIRBAIRN, of No. 27 Queen's
Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, in its Pro-
bate Jurisdiction, on the 22nd day of Sep-
tember 1877, are hereby required to send
in writing the particulars of their Claims
or Demands to the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN
at his address aforesaid, or to the Under-
signed, WILLIAM HENRY BREERETON, the
Receiver of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at
the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY
BREERETON, 28 Queen's Road, Hongkong,
on or before the 15th day of January, 1878.

And notice hereby given that at the
expiration of the last-mentioned day, the said
JOHN FAIRBAIRN will proceed to dis-
tribute the Assets of the said JAMES
SMITH FERRIES amongst the parties
entitled thereto, having regard to the
Claims of which the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN
has then had notice; and that the said
JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the
Assets of any part thereof, so distributed,
to any person of whose Claim the said
JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the
time of the distribution.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 1877.

Wm. H. BREERETON,

Receiver for the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN.

Hongkong, October 18, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has This Day
OPENED at this Port a BUSINESS,
consisting of HOTEL, SHIP-CHANDLERY,
and GENERAL STOREKEEPER, situated on
the Mole, facing the Bay.

Fresh Provisions and Water supplied on
the SHORTEST NOTICE.

EDWARD VERRIL,

Manila, September 12th, 1877.

HOTEL DE L'EUROPE,

MANILA,
On the Mole, near the Harbour-Master's
Office, and within Ten Minutes' walk of the
Merchants' Office.

EDWARD VERRIL,

Manila, September 12th, 1877.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr. EDWARD SHEPPARD

and Mr. W. G. GRIEVE, are autho-

ritized to sign the name of our Firm for

Procuration at Foochow, and Mr. W. F.

EWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & CO.

China, June 1, 1877.

Intimations.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

THE Undersigned, until further notice,
offer to REMETAL VESSELS, Fur-
nishing all Material and Labor, except
METAL and NAILS, for TWENTY-FIVE
CENTS per Sheet.

IRON STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS
requiring Three Coats Paint or Tallow,
Thirty Cents per Ton Register.

W. B. SPRATT & CO.,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, October 10, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be
ready to receive Patients on MONDAY,
the 24th Instant, until further notice, at his
Rooms, Ground Floor, HOTEL DE L'EUROPE.

Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

Notices to Consignees.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.
FLEURS CASTLE,
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of their Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, into the Godowns of Mr. A. MOG, BEARON, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 5th Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 29, 1877. no5

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship OCEANIC, from San Francisco, etc., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY,

Hongkong, October 29, 1877. no5

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Venice having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, October 28, 1877. no5

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE British S. S. Hindostan, Captain MACTAVISH, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 30, 1877. no5

GERMAN BARK MARCO-POLO,
FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of
A M 37/71.
Macao 35 cases Merchandise,
via Hongkong.

Shipped by J. C. JULIUS MÖLLER, are hereby informed that the same have been landed and stored at their expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance has been covered.

WILER & CO., Agents for Bark Marco-Polo.

Hongkong, October 17, 1877.

BRITISH BARQUE ELMSTONE,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 19, 1877.

BARQUE STRATHMORE, FROM KURRACHEE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 22, 1877.

BRITISH BARQUE MELBREK,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 16, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crews of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

CANTERBURY, American ship, Captain W. L. Slemmon & Co.

WOOLWICH, British barque, Captain Nielsen.—Wm. Pustar & Co.

ALFRINGHAM, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Weller & Co.

CILCROSS, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.—Weller & Co.

PEARLOWE, British steamer, Capt. J. H. von Bogen.—Chinese.

MOZARTIAN STAR, British barque, Capt. J. Worley.—Weller & Co.

THIO, Dutch barque, Capt. T. Westerveld.

SLEMMON & CO.

COLONIAL, American ship, Captain J. Graham.—Russell & Co.

HATE CASTLE, British barque, Captain James Wilson.—Malchard & Co.

ONWARD, British schooner, Captain Horner.—Lane, Crawford & Co.

EMPEROR, British ship, Captain H. Bell.—Russell & Co.

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VALUABLE LAND AND HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY, &c.

L A N E , C R A W F O R D & C O . have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale), on

T U E S D A Y ,

the 27th November, 1877, at Noon, at their Sale Room, Praya Central.—

The following PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND, with the Buildings erected thereon.

First.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in Victoria, Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 41, abutting on the North side thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring thereon 153 feet, on the South side thereof on Section 4 of the aforesaid Inland Lot No. 41 and Measuring thereon 75 feet and 55 feet, on the East side thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring thereon 88 feet, and on the West side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 201, and Measuring thereon 36 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole about 8,000 square feet, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$73.01, together with the Messuages or Tenements standing thereon, at present leased by D. RUTTNER, Esq.

Second.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Po-ko-lum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM Lot No. 26, abutting on the North side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as Farm Lots Nos. 18 and 26, and Measuring thereon 1,200 feet, on the South side thereof on Government Ground, and Measuring thereon 600 feet, on the East side thereof on a Water Course, and Measuring thereon 1,400 feet, and on the West side thereof on the Sea at high Water Mark, and Measuring thereon 700 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 221 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$53.40.

And,

All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Po-ko-lum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM Lot No. 30, abutting on the South side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as Farm Lot No. 29, on the East side thereof on the road to Aberdeen, and on the North and West sides thereof on a Water Course, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 32 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$12; together with a quantity of Building Materials at present contained in and about the houses described as "Belmont" upon the aforesaid Lots.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed or Deeds of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, October 31, 1877. no27

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Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

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China Mail Office,

Hongkong, October 31, 1877.

Charters Effected.

The following charters have been effected during the last few days:—

British bark MELBREK, 870, Cebu to London or Liverpool, private.

British bark SAPHIR, 715, Manila, Ilo Ilo or Cebu to the Channel for orders to a port in the United Kingdom or on the Continent between Havre and Hamburg, private.

British bark STAGHOUND, 972, Manila to San Francisco, private.

British bark CILURNUM, 1884, hence to San Francisco, private.

American bark H. N. CARLETON, 872, hence to Honolulu, private.

French bark GENEVIEVE, 639, hence to Singapore, \$1,400 in full, 15 lay days.

German bark MARCO POLO, 868, hence to Salagon, \$600 in full.

British bark W. E. GLADSTONE, 552, hence to Quinhon and back, 28 cents per plow, 25 lay days.

German bark DEUTSCHLAND, 269, Chefoo to Swatow, \$1,000 in full, 20 lay days.

German bark VESTA, 302, Chefoo to Hongkong, 13 cents per plow, 25 lay days.

French bark St. JOSEPH, 239, hence to Labuan and back, 25 cents per plow, 32 lay days.

French bark DAUPHIN, 337, hence to Haiphong and back, 20 cents per plow, 30 lay days.

German brig TARTAR, 256, hence to Haiphong and back, 20 cents per plow, 30 lay days.

German steamer BELLONA, hence to Saigon and back, \$5,000 in full, 14 lay days.

The German barque MEHLBACH, 937 tons, left for Manila to load for San Francisco under charter effected at home.

British ship DARTMOUTH, 915 tons, left for Manila "seeking."

French bark MARIA, 879, hence to Saigon, \$500 in full, 14 lay days.

French bark MARIE CHARLOTTE, 870, hence to Saigon, \$500 in full, 10 lay days.

German bark ANGOSTURA, 448, hence to Saigon, \$600 in full, 16 lay days.

British steamer FLINTSHIRE, 1243, Swatow to Singapore, passengers \$7½ per head, 12 lay days.

British bark LORD OF THE ISLES, 317, Takao to Yokohama, private.

Dutch bark GROEN VAN PRINSTERER, 671, laid on berth for Sourabaya.

S H I P P I N G .

ARRIVALS.

Oct. 30, CRESSELUS, British barque, 464, G. White, Singapore Oct. 5, Timber.

Oct. 30, POMA, Spanish steamer, 300, G. de GOYENECHE, Manila Oct. 27, General—REMBRANDT & CO.

Oct. 31, CONQUEST, British steamer, 317, Hamlyn, Haliphong via Hoihow Oct. 28, Rice—KWONG LEE YUEN.

Oct. 31, NINGPO, British steamer, from Canton.

will be at once deported! It may be very good policy to hold these "headmen" responsible as much as possible for peace and order among the Kongrees, but obviously the majority of the disturbances, occurring as they do on the spur of the moment, with a disregard of consequences, are entirely beyond the control even of many participating in them, much less the "headmen" who are absent. Official interference with these societies to be effective must be directed towards the members as well as their "headmen."

The inquests on the bodies of the two native women, whose death was caused by a fall from a house in Peel Street while escaping from an Inspector of Brothels, were concluded on Monday last. From the facts elicited at these inquiries it becomes evident that the system on which convictions are obtained under Ordinance 10 of 1867 is going from bad to worse. We formerly deemed it a duty to strongly urge the inadvisability of vesting undue powers in the hands of the Registrar-General under this and other ordinances; and the Executive must have admitted the existence of the anomaly, for that officer was wisely divested of the judicial powers, conferred on him by the enactment above cited, only about a year ago. But the system which appears to be still carried on by subordinate officers of the department, with the knowledge and sanction apparently of their superior, is clearly one which is not only open to the grossest abuse but is in itself "illegal and immoral." This is the more to be regretted because an otherwise wholesome and necessary sanitary law comes to be looked upon in the light of its abuse, and the good done by the highly beneficial measure is neutralized by the evil thus brought about by a clumsy, indiscreet and possibly illegal enforcement of its provisions. If the principle of "sending a thief to catch a thief" be acted upon in any department of Government, as from the nature of things it occasionally must, then by all means let the agents so engaged be watched as closely as human shrewdness will permit. Here, however, touching action whereby the sanctity of native households may be seriously compromised on any or every one of the seven nights of the week, we find that the greatest laxity undoubtedly exists; and under the very department constituted and set apart for the protection of the Chinese, the most dangerously loose system of espionage and probable extortion is found to be comparatively unchecked and even tacitly and unwittingly sanctioned. Without in the slightest degree influencing any further proceedings which may or may not arise out of the recent inquiry—so fitly and properly brought to a close by the verdict of the Coroner's Jury, which pointed perhaps more to the system than to any one individual—we feel constrained to call upon the Government for an inquiry into the whole facts of this and similar cases and of the whole system of practice at present adopted for obtaining convictions against persons charged with breaches of Ordinance No. 10 of 1867. If it be, as we hope and believe it is, the object of the existing Government to attract native families to Hongkong, this action is an imperative necessity. But over and above the motive of self-interest, the higher interests of justice and pure government demand that the existing state of things be thoroughly and impartially looked into and exposed with a view to its radical and complete reorganization.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Singapore-Penang cable of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited, having been repaired, Telegraphic communication is restored with India, Europe and America.

The flag at the U. S. Consulate, O. & O. Steam Company, Mean Russell & Co., Canton & Macao Steamer Wharf, and other houses, flew at half-mast in respect to the memory of the late Captain G. U. Sands, who was buried to-day.

We draw the attention of our readers to the performance advertised to take place in the Theatre Royal, to-morrow night, on behalf of the sufferers by the Indian Famine. We hope that the object for which the entertainment is given will command a full house.

A LETTER from Macao says:—The performance given by the Naval A. D. C. on behalf of the poor of Macao, went off admirably well. The House was quite full and a handsome figure realised. Before the rising of the curtain, the Hymn of H. H. Dom Ferdinand was played by the band, followed by three Vies for the prosperity of His Highness, proposed by the Governor and heartily responded to by the audience.

We are requested to state that, owing to unavoidable circumstances, the Amateur Concert advertised for Saturday, the 3rd inst., is postponed until next week. Notice will be given when the day is fixed. We may add that no less than a hundred tickets were taken on the first day, and therefore those who wish to secure seats had better take them at once.

We may note that the recent restrictive measure imposed by the Hopo of Canton upon the carriage of salt in native junks has had the effect of opening a new branch of the foreign trade to the smaller class of

foreign vessels. In addition to the ships which have already arrived from Saigon and other ports, we believe that a considerable number are now on the way to or on the berth for this port.

Police Intelligence.
(Before the Hon. C. May.)

31 October, 1877.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Godfrey Nelson and Joseph McKeown, seamen German barque *Angostura*, were brought up charged with assaulting some chair-cooles at the bottom of Old Bailey Street and tearing their jackets. The defendants said they asked the complainant the way to Petersen's but they would not tell them, and insisted on carrying them in their chairs. Fined \$1 each, and to pay 25 cents amends for damage.

UNLICENSED BROTHELS.

Loong Atun, servant, and Fan Asee and Chow Akum, married women, were brought up for carrying on an unlicensed brothel in No. 9 Lyndhurst Terrace. After hearing the evidence, his Worship simply called upon the defendants to find security \$50 to answer any charge for one month.

Low Aye, a married woman, was brought up for a similar offence, and she was similarly dealt with. These cases had been the subject of a Coroner's enquiry which was concluded last Monday.

LARCENY.

Look A Wong, a cook, was charged with stealing two old horse shoes from the Hongkong Pier and Godowns. He was caught doing this by Julius Sian, the godown keeper. The defendant, while admitting the deed, expressed his sorrow for what he had done. Six weeks' hard labour.

ATTEMPT TO COMMIT FELONY.

Choung-A Mui, a jade stone-cutter, was sent to three months' hard labour for attempting to steal from the person of Lum Asking, a boatman, at West Street, Tai-ping-shan.

DESERTION.

James Bremner, seaman American ship *Memnon*, was brought up for desertion from his ship. The defendant said he was not well treated on board, and had no bedding. The Magistrate ordered him to be taken on board his ship.

CHILD-STEALING.

Liu Awah and three others were again brought up for stealing a young girl aged four years, the daughter of one Low Ahow. The defendants were committed for trial.

ASSAULT.

Teang Asee, a cook, was charged with assaulting Choy Ayes, a tailor, and purusing him with a chopper. The complainant had been giving evidence against some gamblers, and the defendant and others beat him for having done so. The case was remanded till to-morrow for the Police to make enquiries. The complainant was kept in custody.

ALLEGED INHUMANITY AT SEA.

Edward Burns and six others were again brought up to answer the charge of deserting from their ship, the American ship *Heiton*. The defendants alleged inhumanity at sea, and the matter is now under investigation at the U. S. Consulate.

The case was remanded till the 6th November, pending the conclusion of the enquiry. One of the defendants said the *Conseil* was acting more like a lawyer for the Captain than as a Judge, in the questions he asked.

The Magistrate told the appellant that he need not be afraid, but to keep himself cool.

The case of Frank Carson and another was also postponed till the 5th November, pending the conclusion of the enquiry at the Consulate.

China.

WENCHOW.

Oct 18th.

The only news of interest since my last is that the *luking* tea has at last been fixed at 25 taels cents per cwt less than the Customs' transit dues. This will of course cause the inland duty to flow directly into the pockets of the local authorities, and beyond the reach of the Imperial treasury.

I say "at last," for you can have no idea of the work and solicitations that were necessary before the desired information could be obtained. The *Tatler* is always to be no doubt but that, if only a little capital comes here, the best "Foochow" tea will be on hand, and probably, at least at first, obtainable at lower prices than in the market from which their generic appellation is got. At any rate, a considerable quantity is likely to come here for shipment either at Shanghai or even Foochow; as in the latter case there seem to be some official obstacles in the way of an overland transit, and so do not exist in Chekiang province, and a battle is imminent.

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THE WAR IN EUROPE.

From our American exchanges, which extend to Sept. 29, we cut the following telegraphic items of news:

London, Sept. 22.—Russia evidently, and not Turkey, in Europe's Sick Man now; but unless the invading army can be annihilated within a few days, which nobody anticipates, he will recover eventually from his sufferings and defeats. Criminal blunders of preparation and execution are admitted, but his trusted friends, who best know his resources and reserves, are confident as ever that this death struggle for Cossack or Turkey will yet result in Turkey's extinction as a European Power. Still the Russian aggressive campaign is probably ended for this season. Possibly diplomacy may prevent its renewal. If so, it will be because Turkey is constrained by Germany and Austria to grant terms of peace acceptable to Russia, which would at the same time aggrandize their territory at Turkey's expense. The purpose of the recent interview at Salzburg, between Blamarc and Andrasch, is now believed to have been to devise a concerted plan of action to that end. Germany and Austria cannot afford to permit Russia's overthrust, which would light the fire of revolution in the Czar's empire, and thus endanger the entire Continent. Their ability to foment Servian, Roumanian, and Montenegrin active hostility against the Turks, no less than the danger of Austro-German armed intervention, would leave Turkey little choice but to accept their dictated plan.

A Vienna correspondent says: The encounter on Thursday and Friday near Biela are said to have been greatly exaggerated by the Turks. According to information received here, they were drawn battles, and the forces engaged were not large.

A despatch from Constantinople via Syria says: The Austrian Ambassador, at a private interview with the Sultan, is reported to have spoken about the probability of Austrian mediation, and to have urged the greatest moderation on the Sultan, pointing out the necessity of saving Russia's *amour propre*, because Germany would not be indifferent to Russian humiliation.

London, September 24.—A correspondent with Mehmet Ali indicates that the engagement at Tserovna was intended as a reconnaissance, but assumed a somewhat more serious character because of the impetuosity of the Turkish troops, who, according to this and other accounts, displayed the greatest courage. The centre column advanced as far as Verboza, and after having been ordered four times in vain to retire had to be led out of the fire by divisions by the commander in person, after having stormed the Russian position under a murderous fire.

Bucharest, September 24.—The weather for the past two days has been extremely bad at Fratash, which is now a sea of mud. Hospital accommodations exist for 1600 wounded, but 7000 are accumulated there.

Gen. Todleben has started for the Russian headquarters. It is believed that he will remain there some days, for consultation on the general situation, and afterward will be associated with Prince Charles in command of the army before Plevna.

Verbitza, September 25.—The Roumanians have approached by flying sap to within eighty yards of the second Gravita redoubt. Undoubtedly an assault will be made in two or three days.

London, September 25.—The *Daily News*, in a summary of the war, considers it evident that the Russian Staff has been again outwitted and has permitted important aid to reach Osman Pasha.

It is stated that the Russian and Roumanian losses before Plevna exceed 25,000, killed and wounded.

A Turkish detachment has occupied a national stronghold of the Roumanian territory, under cover of the guns of Silistra. They apparently intend to attempt to cut the railway between Galatz and Bucharest.

Bucharest, September 25.—Three infantry divisions of the Russian Guard have reached Biela. One will remain. The two others have been despatched to Plevna. Nearly all the cavalry of the Guard are destined for Tirnova.

London, September 26.—Osman Pasha reports three considerable engagements since the 12th instant, in all of which the Turks were victorious. Osman Pasha's position is now believed to be secure, and the impression at Constantinople and Sofia is that the Russians and Roumanians are withdrawing gradually from the attempt against Plevna.

A despatch claims that the Turkish losses at Plevna seem to be as heavy as those of the Russians, and that trustworthy information received that 14,000 wounded are still in Plevna, whom the Turks were unable to remove.

Venice, Sept. 27.—A Russian official despatch issued at Gorni Studen says: On the 22nd instant about 10,000 Turkish infantry from Sona supported by artillery, forced their way through our cavalry, posted to intercept them, and entered Plevna. Further details are wanting. All is quiet around Rustchuk and in the Balkans.

In the Austrian Reichsrath to-day, Prince Adolp Auersperg, President of the Council, declared that the Government maintained its policy of perfect neutrality. Regarding the contingency of Servia's participation in the war, he says the Government could not declare its policy in anticipation of events.

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It seems to be a precaution against the concentration of Turkish troops at Selipsa and Novo Varos.

Vienna, Sept. 28.—A seizure of arms and one thousand shrapnel shells at the Custom House in Pash is causing considerable sensation. Sixteen cases of breech-loaders, thirty-six thousand cartridges and several boxes of Turkish fine caps have all been seized in transit. The Vienna Government has ordered a judicial investigation concerning the places at which these preparations have been found. It may be predicted with some confidence that the plan was not only to enlist an armed body in Hungary, but likewise to make an expedition into Roumania. As no force that the Turkish sympathizers could influence the war, the intention was evidently to come to an agreement, if possible, and embroil the monarchy so as to drive it into active measures on the side of Turkey. Such proceedings, however, will cause no alteration in Austria's policy.

A correspondent at Constantinople telegraphs that a rumor is prevalent in that city that Suleiman Pasha has at last succeeded in interrupting the communications of the Russians occupying the Shapsa Pass with the town of Gabrova. Also, that the Turks have succeeded in cutting off the retreat of the Russians, surrounding them on all sides. Another rumor prevails in Constantinople to the effect that Osman Pasha has achieved an important success at Plevna. It is stated that he repulsed the Russian attack on the eastern redoubt.

Fever is prevalent in the Saracowitch's army, and dysentery has increased very much with the bad weather. The spirits of the troops, however, are unchanged.

Snow has been falling in Shapsa Pass since Monday, and is now ten centimetres deep at the foot of the Balkans.

A Paris paper asserts that the Sultan will send Prince Hassan to London at the end of October, to give the British Government an intimation of the conditions on which he would agree to peace.

Arouf Pasha, who has been acting as commander for Mehmet Ali during the latter's absence from Shumla, has gone to Constantinople.

A Vienna despatch says: A telegram from Shumla leads to the belief that the sudden summons of Arouf Pasha to Constantinople signifies an important change in command. Either Mehmet Ali or Suleiman Pasha will, it is thought, be superseded; the latter, most probably.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The fire at the Patent Office originated from spontaneous combustion among a lot of non-patented chemical matter stored in the attic of the Ninth-street front. No fire was made in the conservatory to-day, nor had any been made in the building. The principal loss falls upon the Patent Office. The original copy of the Declaration of Independence and relics of General Washington were saved; also, Franklin's printing-press. Nearly all the specifications and original drawings of the Patent Office were saved, and from this model can be reproduced, if necessary. Many clerks in the Interior Department, Land, Patent, Indian and Pension Offices have been ordered on duty to-night; assorting books and papers and drying what have been damaged by water.

Military are on guard duty at the building, where they will remain until the records and public property are secured. None of the Land Office records were destroyed, but many were seriously damaged by water.

The records of the Application Division, the office which first receives applications for patents and of which papers no copies were made, were saved. The most valuable models saved were those relating to sewing-machines; fire-arms, printing-presses, locks, safes, etc. Models of reapers, mowers, and various agricultural implements were destroyed. A temporary room will be erected at once.

The damage to the building is variously estimated at \$800,000 to \$1,000,000, while that from the destruction of models and other values belonging to the Patent Office was not interrupted.

New York, September 25.—To-day's *Graphic* publishes this: A report is sent into this office, as we go to press, that the failure of Rufus Hatch, a well-known stock-broker, has been announced on street. Hatch says he will pay one hundred cents on the dollar.

London, Sept. 13.—The latest particulars show that over one hundred persons were drowned by the disaster of the *Forrest and Avalanche*, off Portland.

London, Sept. 16.—A special from Frankfort states that one of the oldest banking firms, Denunville Mertens & Co., have failed. Their liabilities amount to 5,000,000 marks.

The British Admiralty has ordered the construction of thirty torpedo-boats.

London, Sept. 19.—H. Muh

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ON THURSDAY, the 1st November, 1877, at Noon, the Company's C. S. AVA, Commandant HERNANDEZ, with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

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H. DU POUY,
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Hongkong, October 28, 1877.



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